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SUBJ: GOE GEO-SYNCHRONO SATELLITE CAMPAIGN

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1. SUMMARY: DURING DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING AIDSAT DEMONSTRATION, SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL TREATED EMBOFF TO A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE GOE'S NEW FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE RE GEO-SYNCHRONOUS ORBITING SATELLITES. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFFS CALLED ON MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY HERNAN VEINTIMILLA ON OCT. 7 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO AIDSAT DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 7. DURING DISCUSSION VEINTIMILLA TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN LIMNING THE NEWLY STATED GOE POLICY REGARDING GEO-SYNCHRONOUS ORBIT-
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ING SATELLITE (REF A).

3. VEINTIMILLA EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE 1967 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE (ITAS 6347) FAILS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS POSED BY MODERN COMMUNICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL SATELLITES. AMONG THOSE PROBLEMS VEINTIMILLA CLAIMED THAT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES STAND TO REAP ENORMOUS PROFITS FROM THE PLACING OF GEO-STATIONARY SATELLITES. HE MAINTAINED THAT THE COST OF SUCH SATELLITES CAN BE AMORTIZED IN A MATTER OF HOURS AT THE RATES CHARGED PER MINUTE OF TRANSMISSION. A SECOND PROBLEM EMPHASIZED BY VEINTIMILLA IS THAT OF CONTROL OVER INFORMATION DISSEMINATED FROM SATELLITES. HE NOTED THAT UNDER PRESENT INTERNATIONAL LAW THERE IS NO WAY TO CONTROL THE PLACING OF SATELLITES IN POSITION TO BROADCAST UNWANTED INFORMATION TO UNWILLING RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.

4. VEINTIMILLA DENIED THAT THE GOE WISHES TO CONVOKE AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE 1967 TREATY BUT ARGUED THAT SOME SORT OF INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION OF GEO-SYNCHRONOUS SATELLITES IS WARRANTED BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES. VEINTIMILLA ALSO STOPPED SHORT OF ASSERTING ECUADOREAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE SEGMENT OF SPACE ABOVE ITS TERRITORY. IN RESPONSE TO A DIRECT QUESTION ON THIS SUBJECT HE NOTED THAT THE GOE WOULD NOT "PROTEST" THE LOCATION OF SUCH A SATELLITE ABOVE ECUADOR, SINCE ECUADOR HAS NO SOVEREIGNTY OVER SPACE. HE SAID THE GOE WOULD BE "BOtherED" BY SUCH A SATELLITE, BUT CURRENTLY WOULD LIMIT ITSELF TO EXPRESSING "CONCERN."

5. IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION THE FOLLOWING NIGHT BETWEEN POLOFF AND AMBASSADOR TEODORO BUSTAMANTE, MFA SENIOR ADVISOR ON TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY, BUSTAMANTE SEEMED TO EVINCE LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR GOE'S PRESENT POSITION AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT COULD BECOME A NETTLESOME BILATERAL ISSUE. HE SUGGESTED, SOMEWHAT CRYPTICALLY, THAT SUCH ISSUES OUGHT TO BE NIPPED IN THE BUD BEFORE THEY GREW INTO MAJOR IRRITANTS.

6. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO DISCERN FROM THESE EX-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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